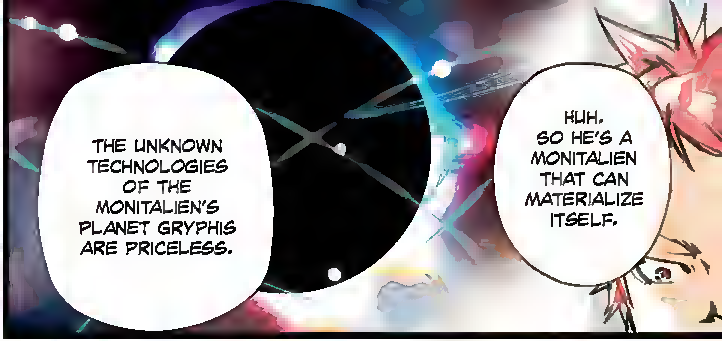
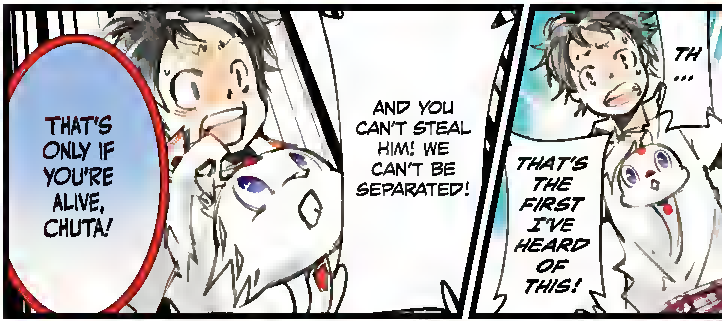
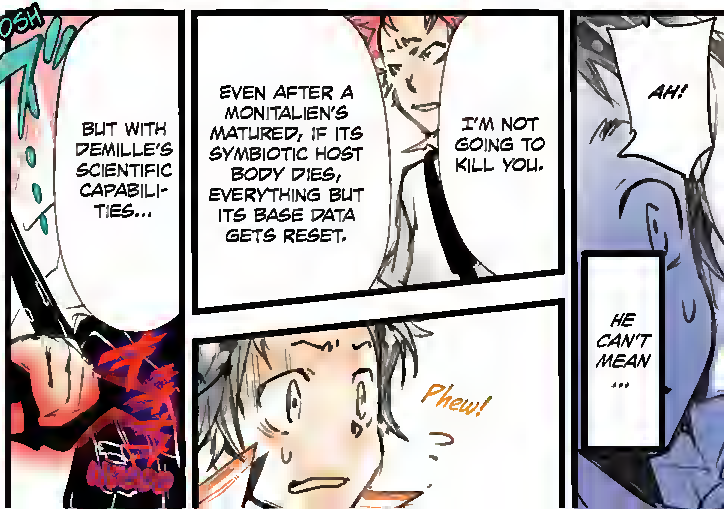
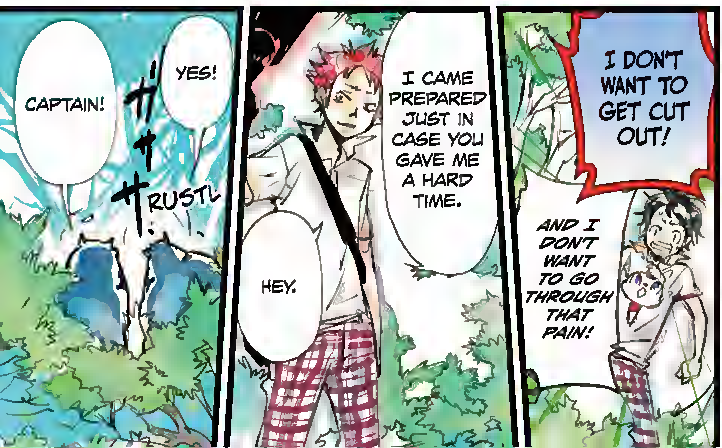

THE UNKNOWN TECHNOLOGIES OF THE MONITALIEN'S PLANET GRYPHIS ARE PRICELESS.
HUH. SO HE'S A MONITALIEN THAT CAN MATERIALIZE ITSELF.


THAT'S ONLY IF YOU'RE ALIVE, CHUTA!
AND YOU CAN'T STEAL HIM! WE CAN'T BE SEPARATED!
TH ...
THAT'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF THIS!


ZOOSH
BUT WITH DEMILLE'S SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES...
EVEN AFTER A MONITALIEN'S MATURED, IF ITS SYMBIOTIC HOST BODY DIES, EVERYTHING BUT ITS BASE DATA GETS RESET.
I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU.
Phew!
AH!
HE CAN'T MEAN ...

...WE CAN SEVER HIM FROM YOU WHILE YOU'RE STILL ALIVE.

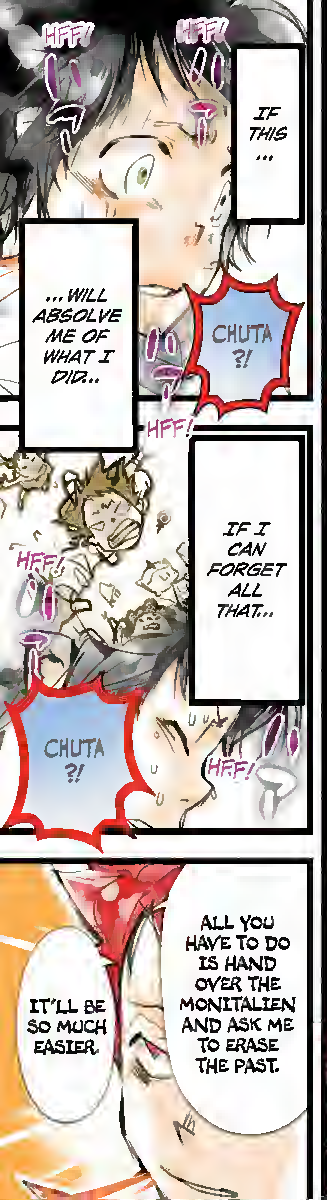
!!
WHAT?!


CAPTAIN!
YES!
RUSTL
HEY.
I CAME PREPARED JUST IN CASE YOU GAVE ME A HARD TIME.
I DON'T WANT TO GET CUT OUT!
AND I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH THAT PAIN!

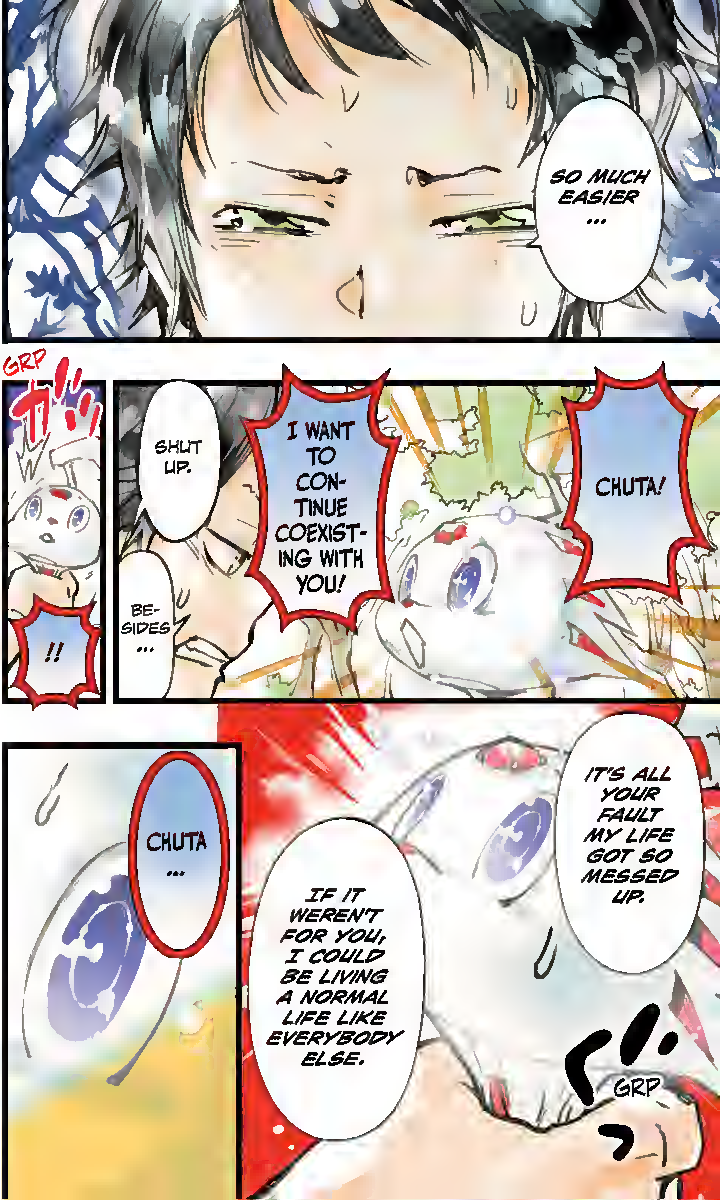
!!
AAH!
SONOKATA ...!!
INSPECTOR CHIPS!
WE'RE OLD FRIENDS.
BUT.
FOR SOMEONE AS WIMPY AS YOU, IT'S EASY TO USE HOSTAGES TO FORCE YOU TO BEND TO OUR WILL.

A DEAL?
SO I'LL MAKE YOU A DEAL.
IF YOU HAND OVER THE MONITALIEN WITHOUT A FUSS...
...NOT ONLY WILL I TURN THE HOSTAGES OVER TO YOU, BUT...
...I'LL MAKE IT LIKE YOU NEVER THREW ME OFF THAT CLIFF.
HUH?!
!!

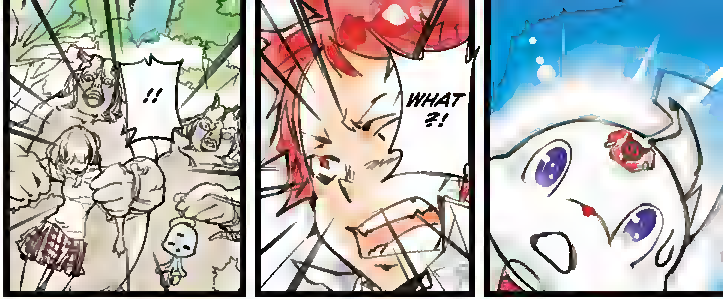
...!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BLAMED YOURSELF FOR THAT, HAVEN'T YOU?
I KNOW YOU, CHUTA.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER.
NOBODY WILL BLAME YOU ANYMORE.
EVEN THOUGH IT DIRECTLY AFFECTED ME, I'M OFFERING TO GIVE YOU A BLANK SLATE.
...HE'LL BECOME AN OFFICER WHO WILL HAVE TO DEFECT TO OUR SIDE FOR HAVING SHOULDERED SUCH "DISHONESTY."
IF HE ACCEPTS THE DEAL, NOT ONLY WILL KOKONOSE OWE THE CAPTAIN...
NICE ONE, CAPTAIN.
HE KNOWS JUST HOW TO WIN OVER THE OFFICER.
HFF!
I DON'T ...
... HAVE TO SUFFER ...
HFF!
HFF!


HFF!
HFF!
IF THIS ...
...WILL ABSOLVE ME OF WHAT I DID...
CHUTA ?!
HFF!
HFF!
IF I CAN FORGET ALL THAT..
HFF!
CHUTA ?!
HFF!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS HAND OVER THE MONITALIEN AND ASK ME TO ERASE THE PAST.
IT'LL BE SO MUCH EASIER.

HFF!
HFF!
CHUTA ?!
HFF!
HFF!
HFF!
I'M FADING...!
HFF!
HFF!


SO MUCH EASIER ...
GRP
!!
SHUT UP.
I WANT TO CON-TINUE COEXIST-ING WITH YOU!
CHUTA!
BE-SIDES ...
CHUTA ...
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, I COULD BE LIVING A NORMAL LIFE LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE.
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT MY LIFE GOT SO MESSED UP.
GRP

YEAH ...
...
PAH
KLSSH
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE MADE YOUR DECISION.
I'M NOT GIVING YOU DREW!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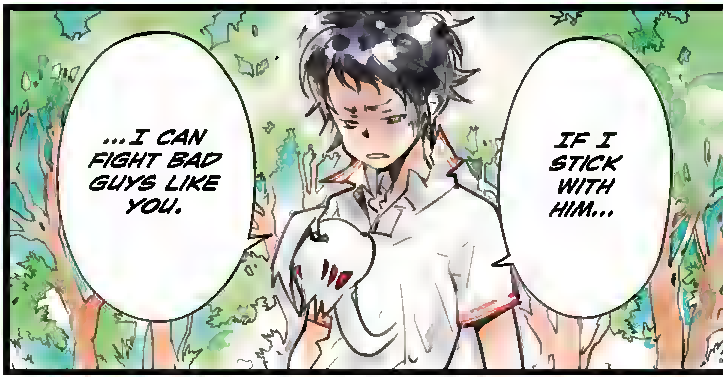
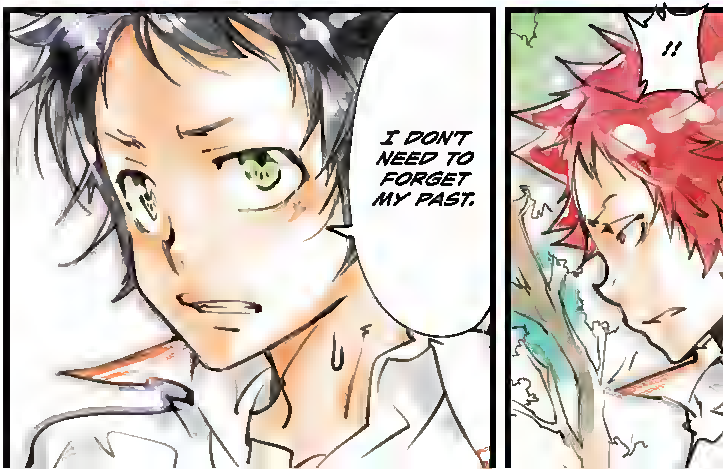
WHAT?!


...I CAN FIGHT BAD GUYS LIKE YOU.
IF I STICK WITH HIM...


I DON'T NEED TO FORGET MY PAST.
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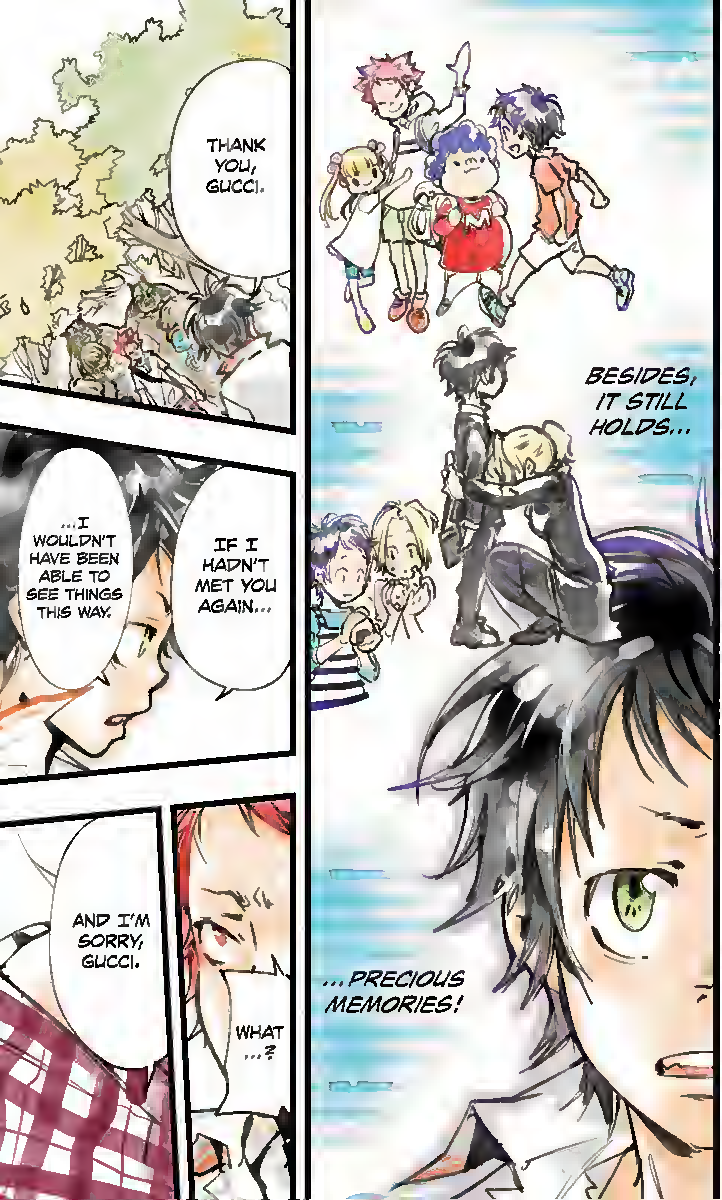
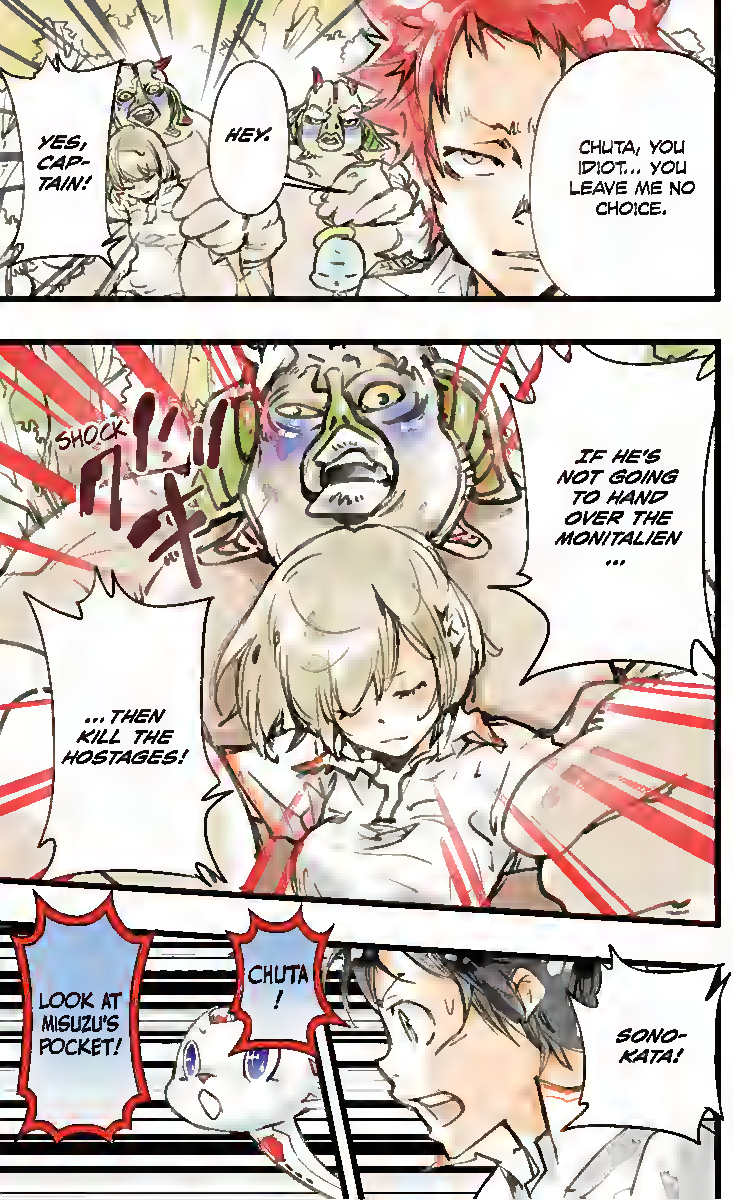
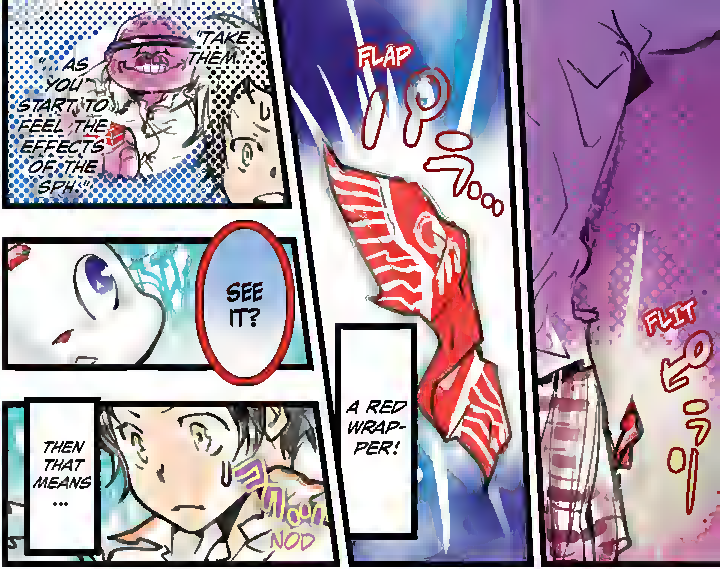
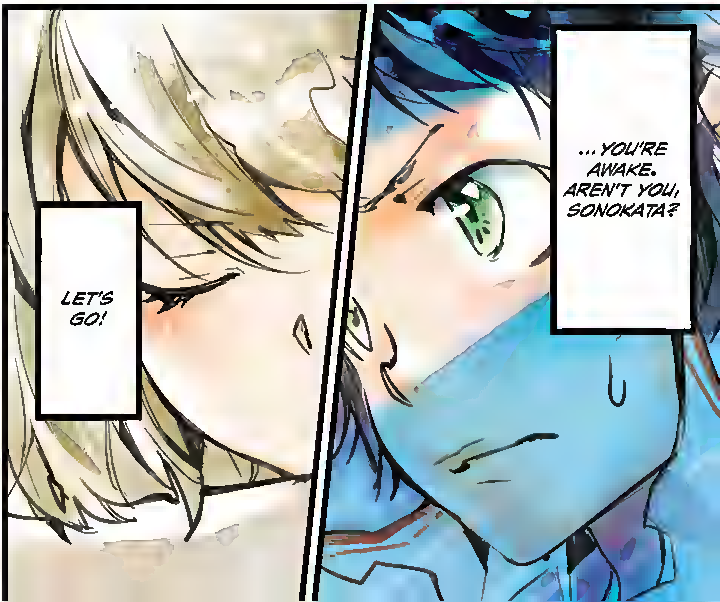
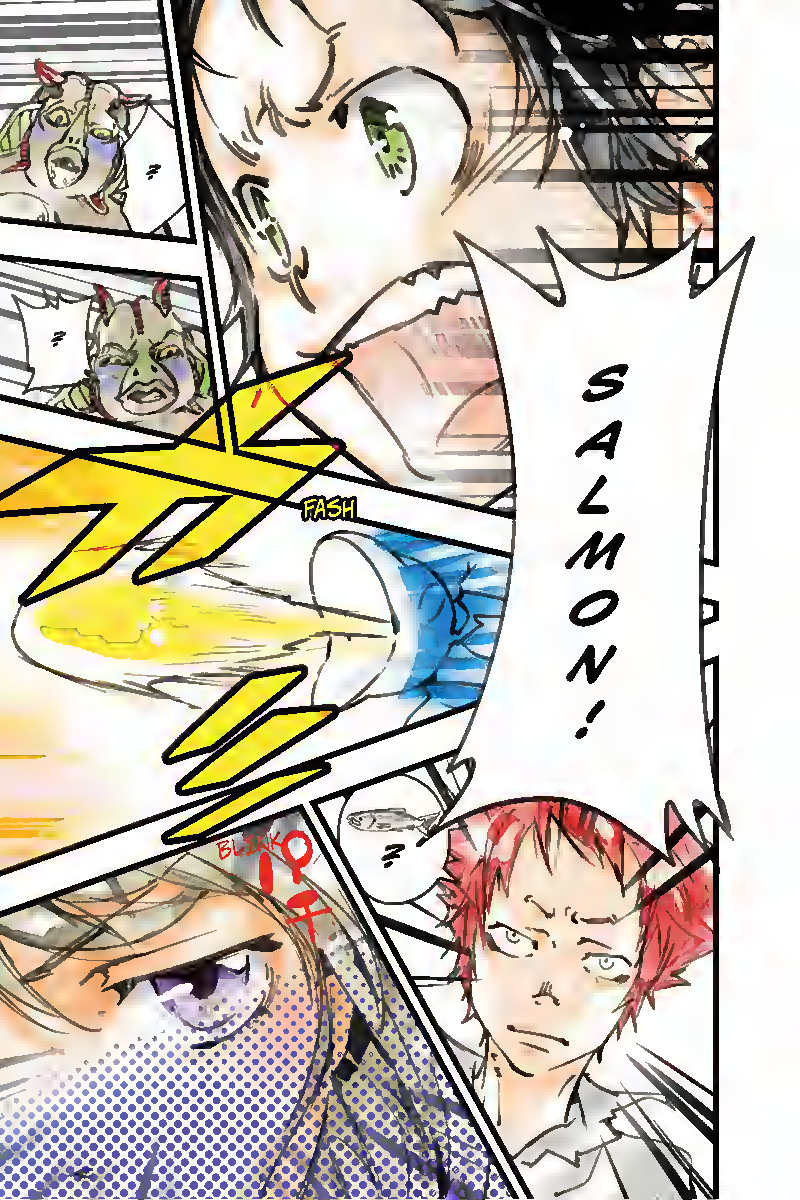

THANK YOU, GUCCI.
IF I HADN'T MET YOU AGAIN...
...I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE THINGS THIS WAY.
AND I'M SORRY, GUCCI.
WHAT ...?
BESIDES, IT STILL HOLDS...
...PRECIOUS MEMORIES!

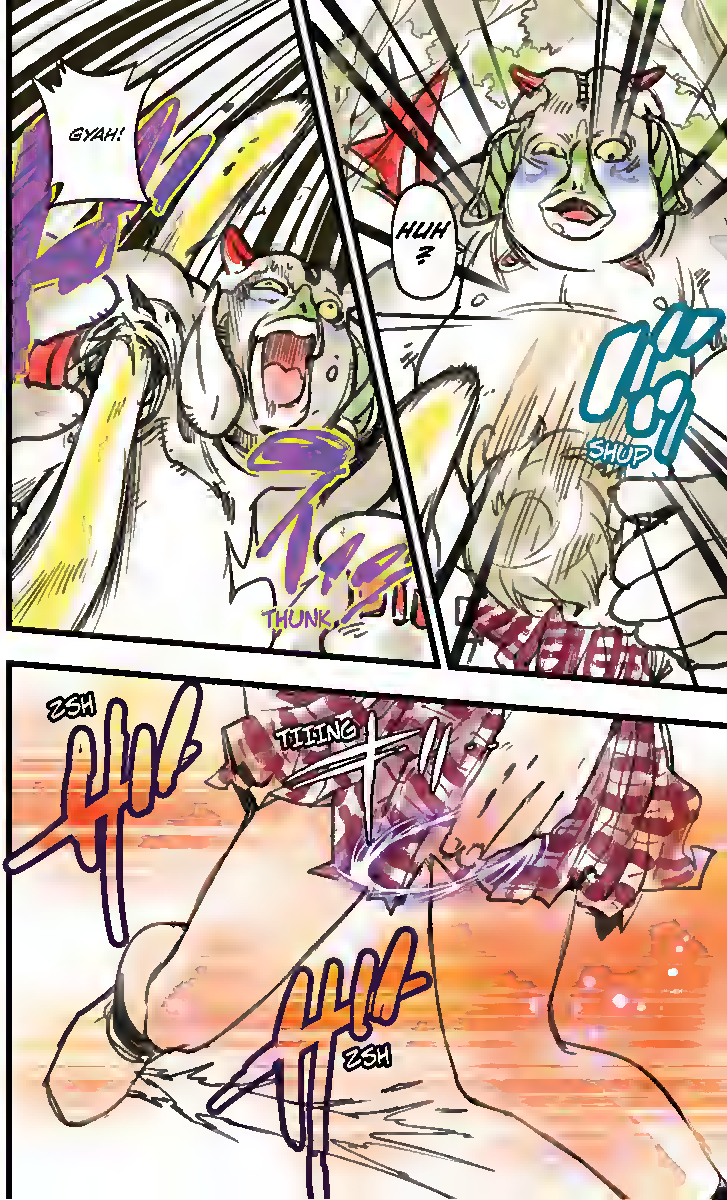
BUT I'M...
...WITH THE SPACE POLICE!
BADUUUM

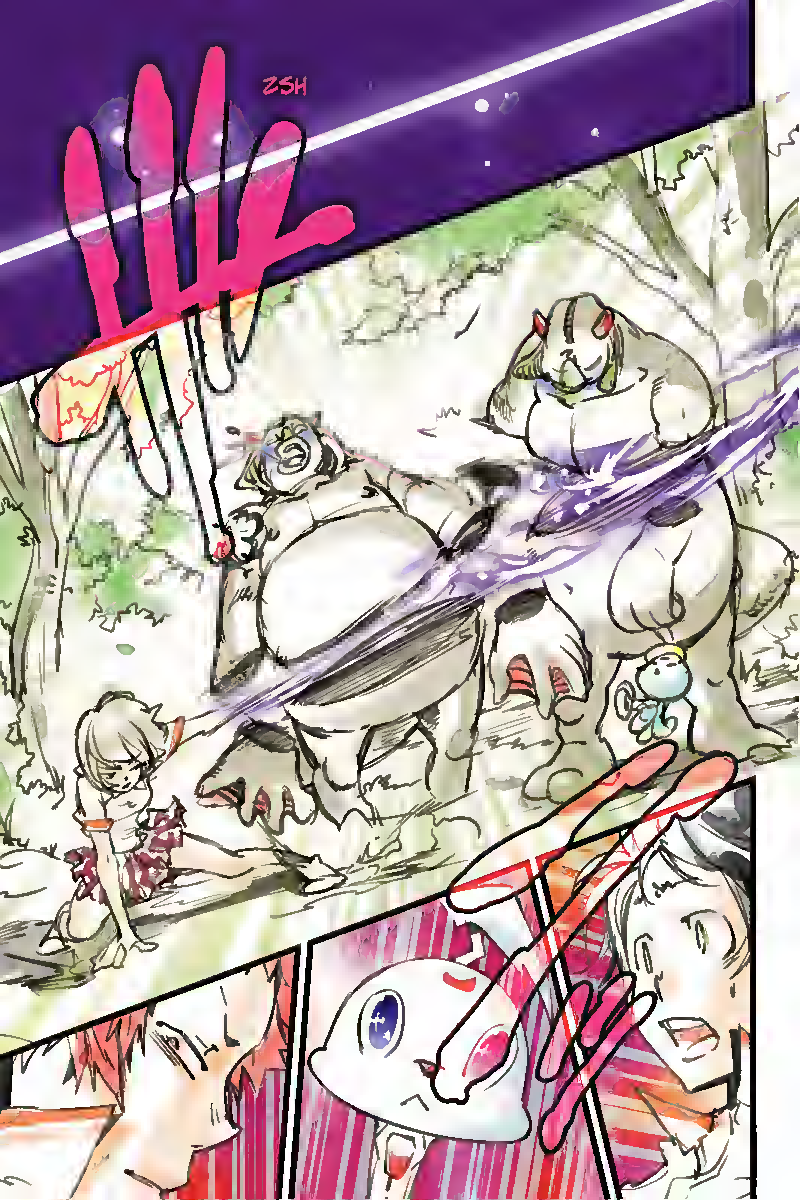

CHUTA, YOU IDIOT... YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE.
HEY.
YES, CAPTAIN!
SHOCK
IF HE'S NOT GOING TO HAND OVER THE MONITALIEN ...
...THEN KILL THE HOSTAGES!
SONO-KATA!
CHUTA!
LOOK AT MISUZU'S POCKET!

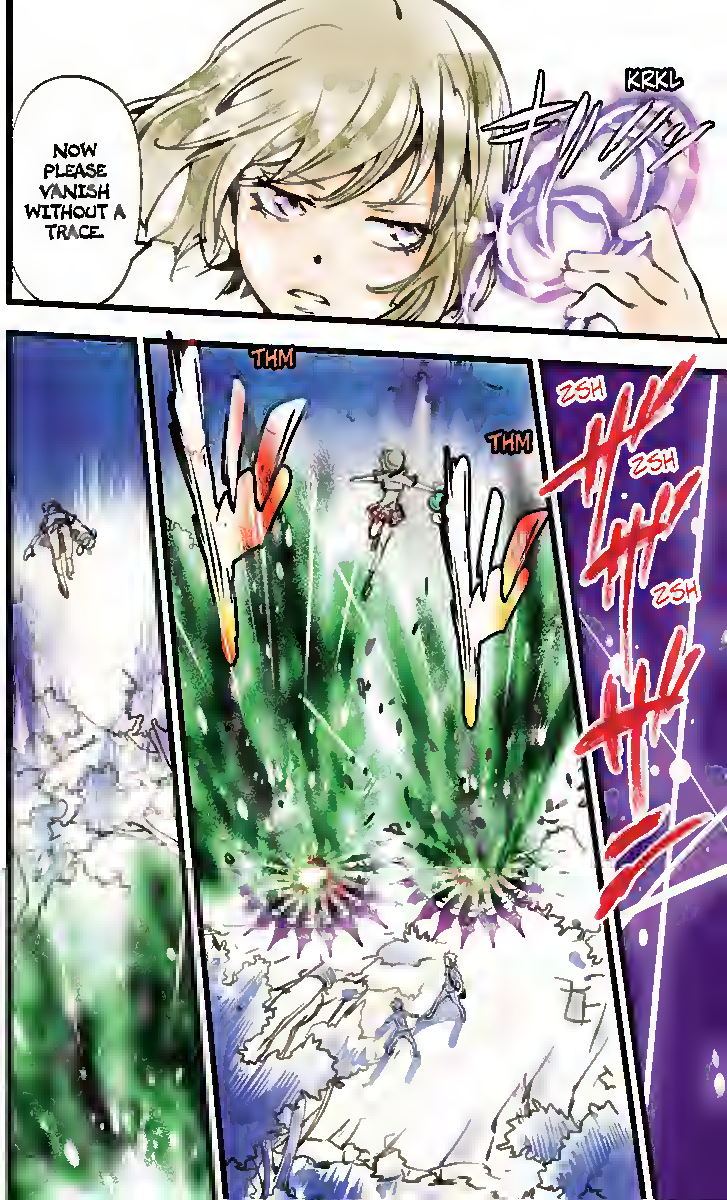

"TAKE THEM. AS YOU START TO FEEL THE EFFECTS OF THE SPH."
FLAP
FLIT
A RED WRAPPER!
SEE IT?
THEN THAT MEANS ...
NOD


LET'S GO!
...YOU'RE AWAKE. AREN'T YOU, SONOKATA?


SALMON!
FASH
BLINK


GYAH!
HUH?
SHUP
THUNK
ZSH
TLING
ZSH

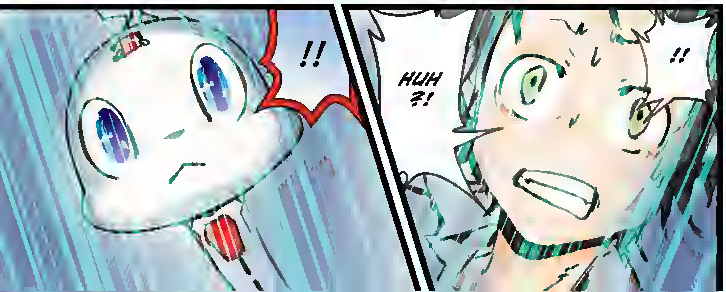

ZSH


NOW PLEASE VANISH WITHOUT A TRACE.
KRKL
THM
THM
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH

TEAR
RIP
RIP
RIP
TINKING
TING

ZWOOSH
SPH.
D BLADE.

VOOOOOH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HUH ?!
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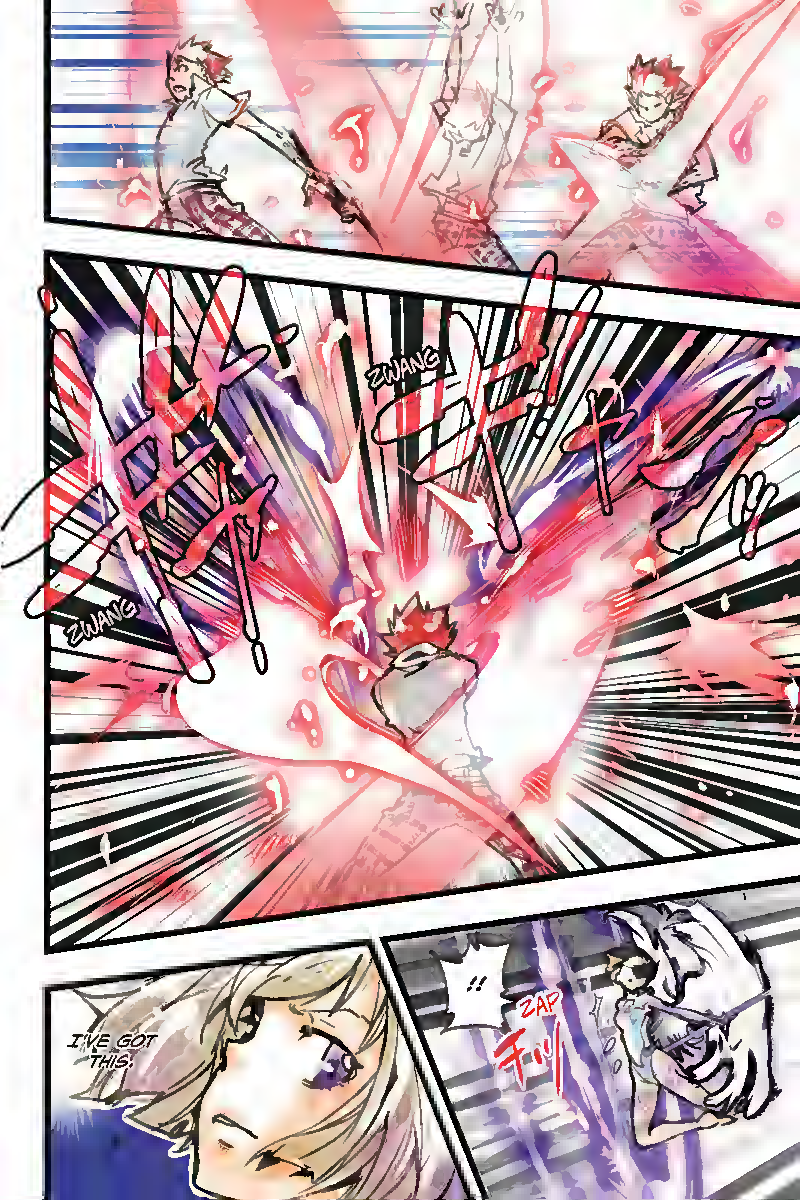
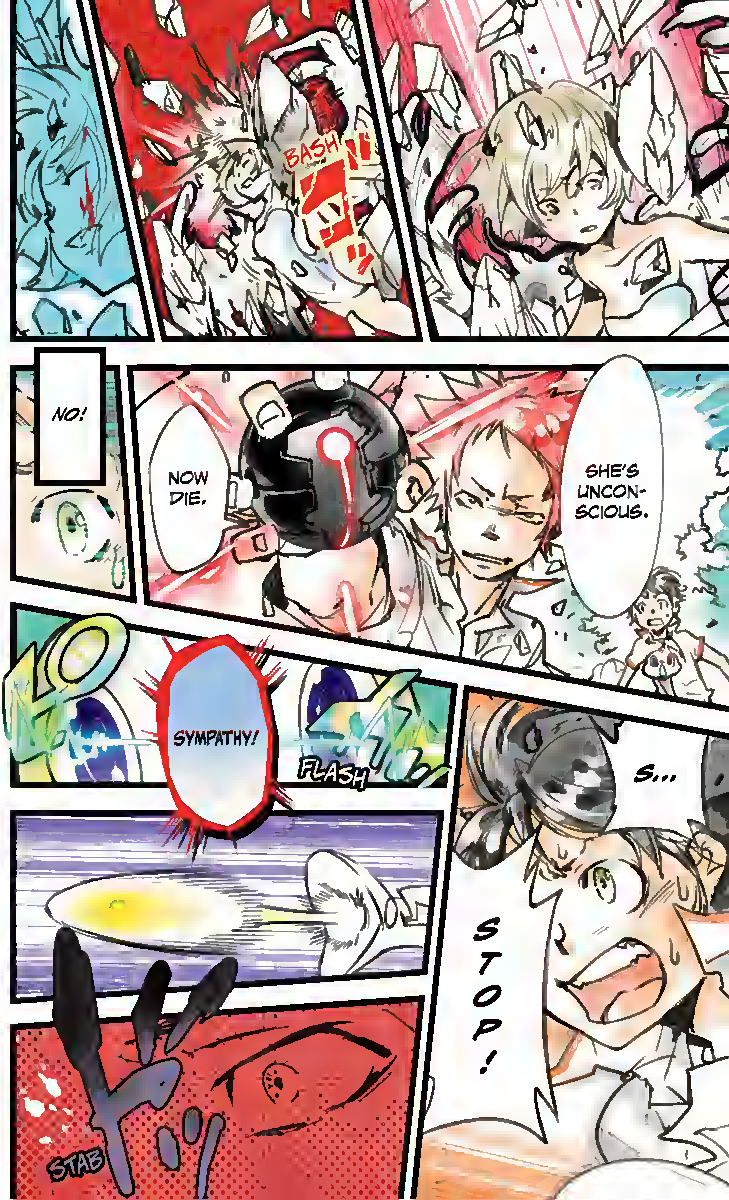
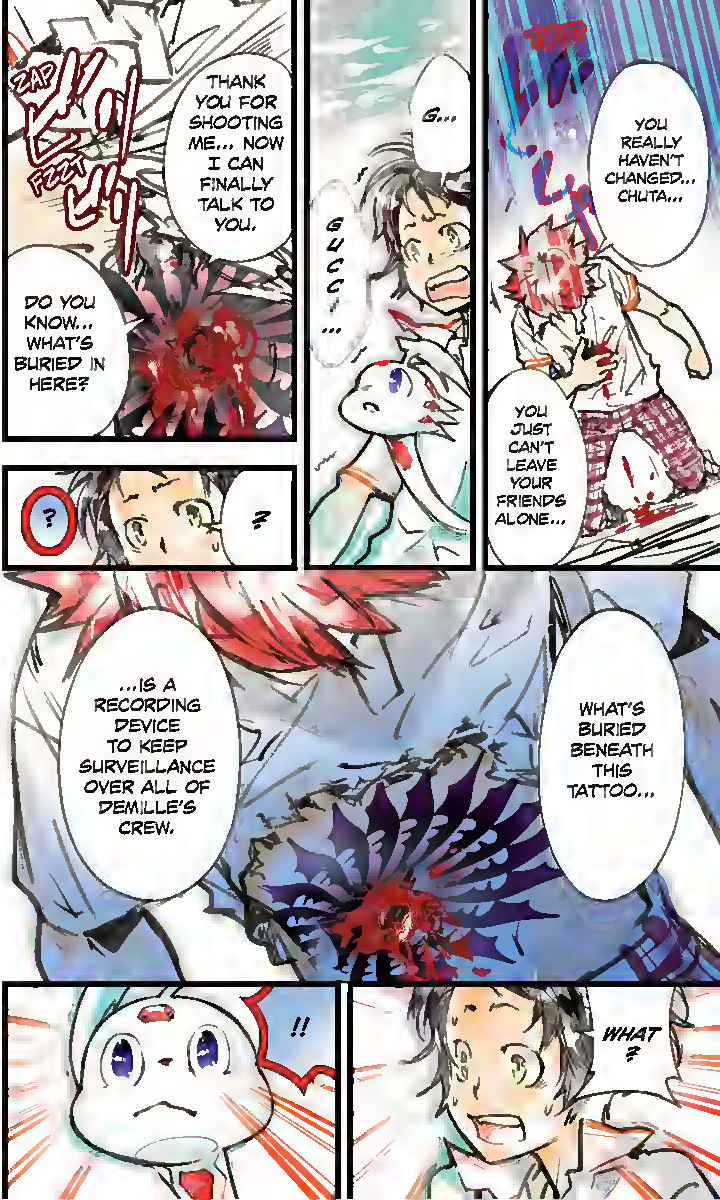
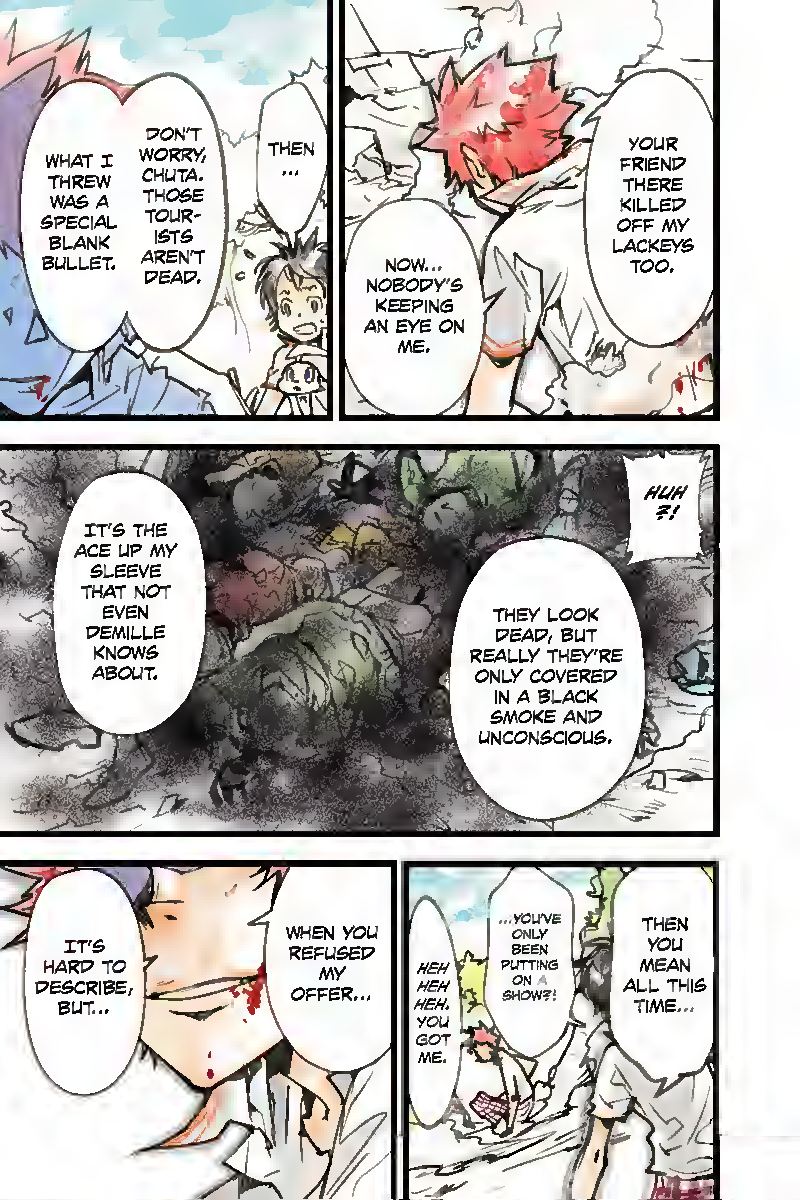

ZWANG
ZWANG
!!
ZAP
I'VE GOT THIS.

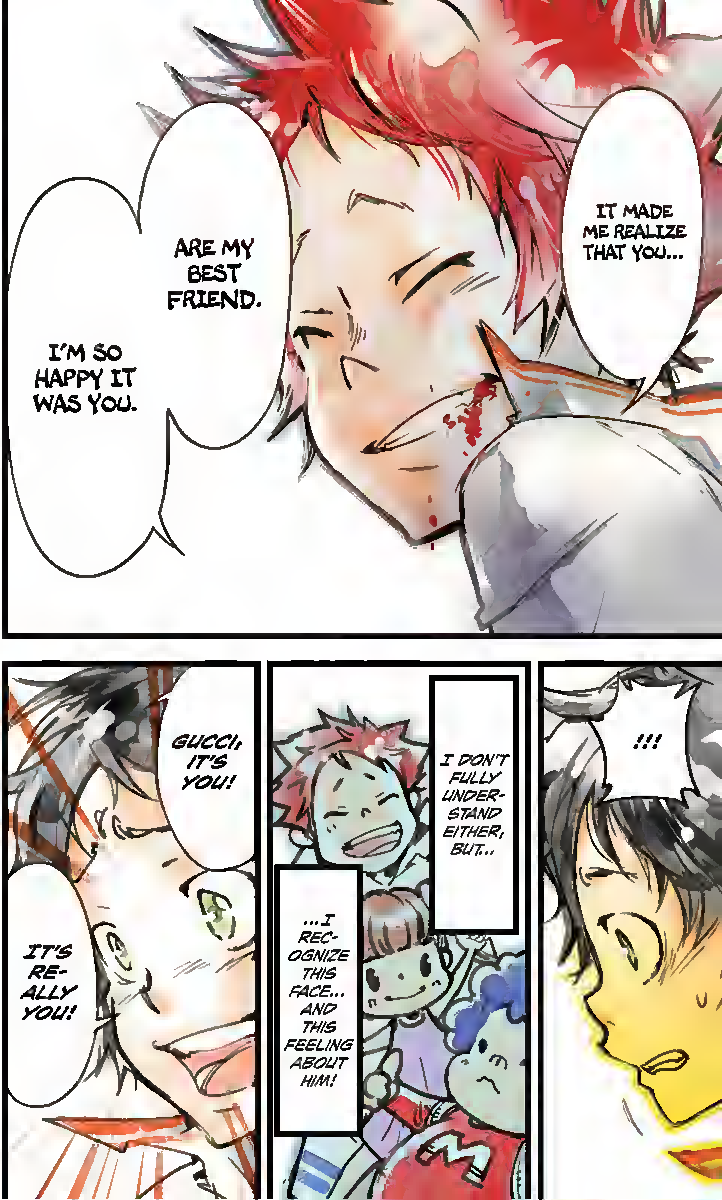
GUCCI...
HE'S TAKING ON MISUZU!
DWAAH!

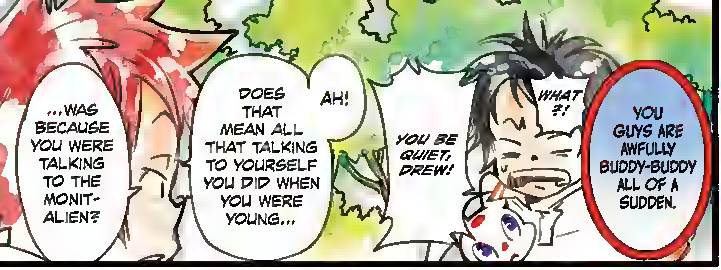

BASH
NO!
NOW DIE.
SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS.
SYMPATHY!
FLASH
S...
STOP!
STAB

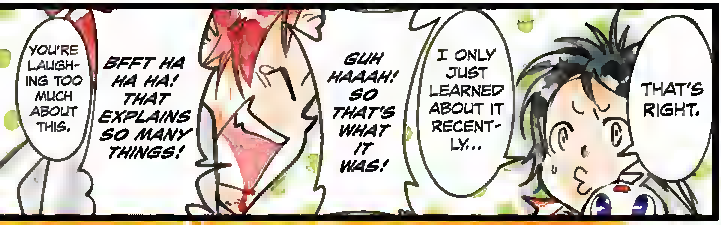
AAH...
HEH HEH...
SPLASH
THUD
SPLAT

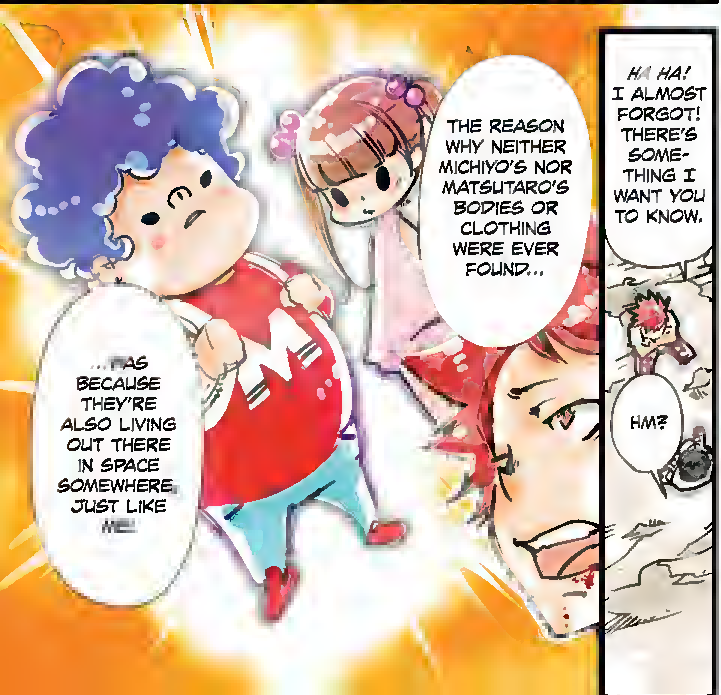

SNAP
FOOT
THANK YOU FOR SHOOTING ME... NOW I CAN FINALLY TALK TO YOU.
DO YOU KNOW... WHAT'S BURIED IN HERE?
?
?
G...
GUCC...
YOU REALLY HAVEN'T CHANGED... CHUTA...
YOU JUST CAN'T LEAVE YOUR FRIENDS ALONE...
WHAT'S BURIED BENEATH THIS TATTOO...
...IS A RECORDING DEVICE TO KEEP SURVEILLANCE OVER ALL OF DEMILLE'S CREW.
!!
WHAT ?


YOUR FRIEND THERE KILLED OFF MY LACKEYS TOO.
NOW... NOBODY'S KEEPING AN EYE ON ME.
THEN ...
DON'T WORRY, CHUTA. THOSE TOURISTS AREN'T DEAD.
WHAT I THREW WAS A SPECIAL BLANK BULLET.
HUH?!
THEY LOOK DEAD, BUT REALLY THEY'RE ONLY COVERED IN A BLACK SMOKE AND UNCONSCIOUS.
IT'S THE ACE UP MY SLEEVE THAT NOT EVEN DEMILLE KNOWS ABOUT.
THEN YOU MEAN ALL THIS TIME...
...YOU'VE ONLY BEEN PUTTING ON A SHOW?!
HEH HEH HEH. YOU GOT ME.
WHEN YOU REFUSED MY OFFER...
IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE, BUT...

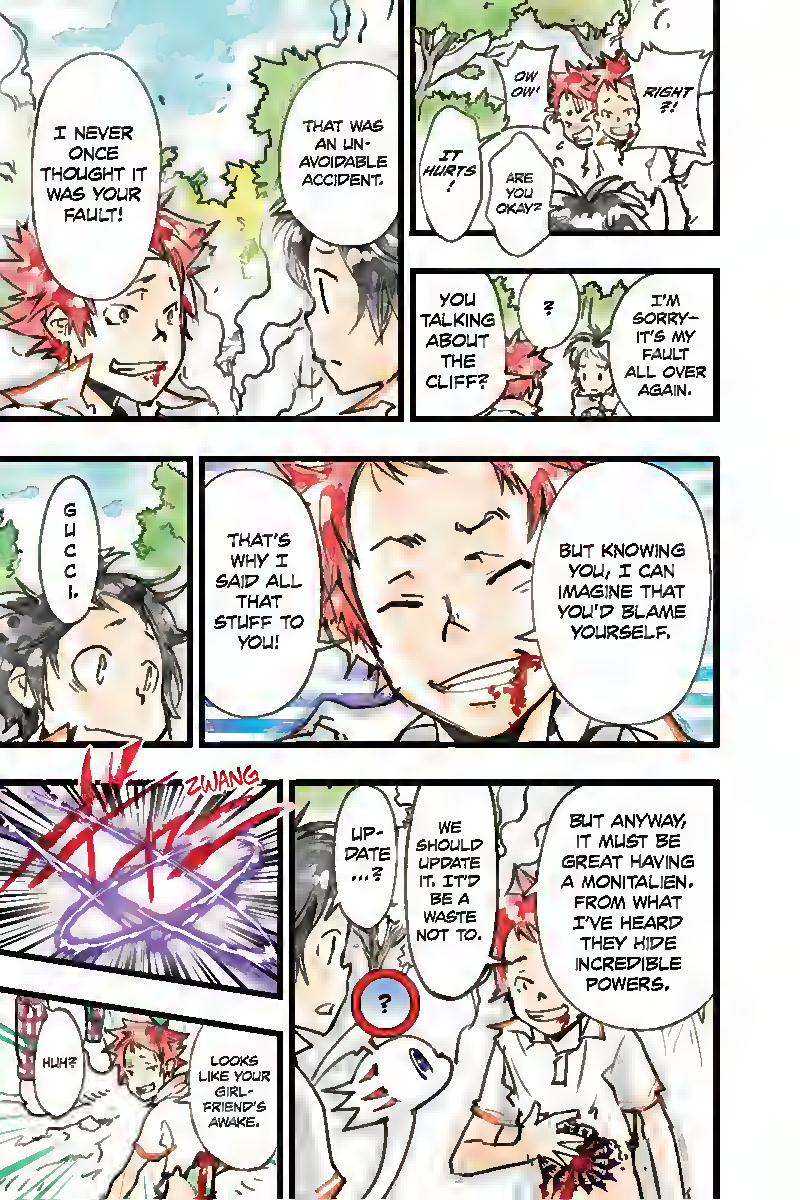

IT MADE ME REALIZE THAT YOU...
ARE MY BEST FRIEND.
I'M SO HAPPY IT WAS YOU.
!!!
I DON'T FULLY UNDER-STAND EITHER, BUT...
...I REC-OGNIZE THIS FACE... AND THIS FEELING ABOUT HIM!
GUCCI, IT'S YOU!
IT'S RE-ALLY YOU!

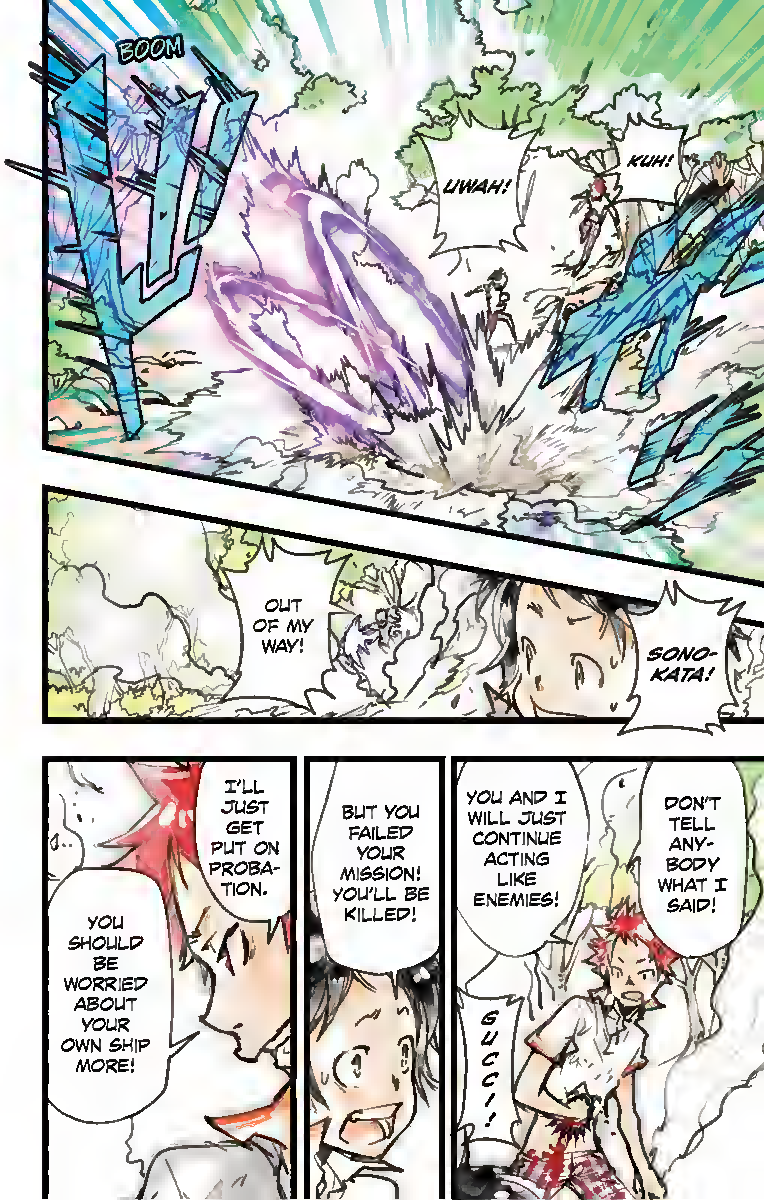

...WAS BECAUSE YOU WERE TALKING TO THE MONIT-ALIEN?
DOES THAT MEAN ALL THAT TALKING TO YOURSELF YOU DID WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG...
AH!
YOU BE QUIET, DREW!
WHAT?!
YOU GUYS ARE AWFULLY BUDDY-BUDDY ALL OF A SUDDEN.


YOU'RE LAUGH-ING TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS.
BFFT HA HA HA! THAT EXPLAINS SO MANY THINGS!
GUH HAAAH! SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS!
I ONLY JUST LEARNED ABOUT IT RECENT-LY...
THAT'S RIGHT.

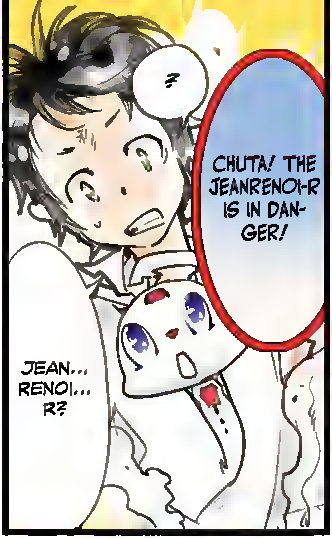

...HAS BECAUSE THEY'RE ALSO LIVING OUT THERE IN SPACE SOMEWHERE, JUST LIKE ME!
THE REASON WHY NEITHER MICHIYO'S NOR MATSUTARO'S BODIES OR CLOTHING WERE EVER FOUND...
HA HA! I ALMOST FORGOT! THERE'S SOME-THING I WANT YOU TO KNOW.
HM?

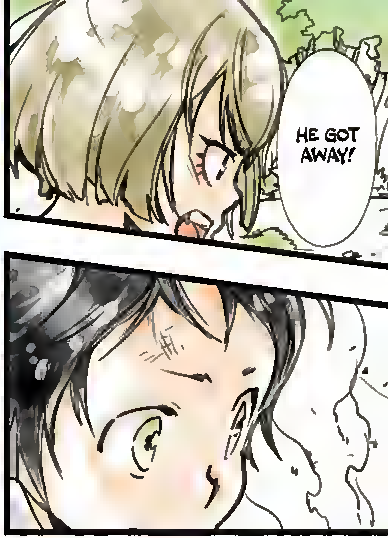
ONE MORE THING...
GRK
I KNOW IT! THAT'S HOW I SURVIVED.
REALLY?
HUH?!
I PLAN ON STAYING WITH DEMILLE A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
SO LET'S LOOK FOR MICHIYO AND MATSUTARO. ME WITH DEMILLE AND YOU WITH AIDLIVE!
...!!
THAT...
...SOUNDS PERFECT!


I NEVER ONCE THOUGHT IT WAS YOUR FAULT!
THAT WAS AN UN-AVOIDABLE ACCIDENT.
OW OW!
RIGHT?!
IT HURTS!
ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU TALKING ABOUT THE CLIFF?
?
I'M SORRY- IT'S MY FAULT ALL OVER AGAIN.
GUCCI.
THAT'S WHY I SAID ALL THAT STUFF TO YOU!
BUT KNOWING YOU, I CAN IMAGINE THAT YOU'D BLAME YOURSELF.
ZWANG
HUH?
LOOKS LIKE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND'S AWAKE.
UP-DATE...?
WE SHOULD UPDATE IT. IT'D BE A WASTE NOT TO.
BUT ANYWAY, IT MUST BE GREAT HAVING A MONITALIEN. FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD THEY HIDE INCREDIBLE POWERS.
?


BOOM
UWAH!
KUH!
OUT OF MY WAY!
SONO-KATA!
I'LL JUST GET PUT ON PROBA-TION.
YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR OWN SHIP MORE!
BUT YOU FAILED YOUR MISSION! YOU'LL BE KILLED!
YOU AND I WILL JUST CONTINUE ACTING LIKE ENEMIES!
DON'T TELL ANY-BODY WHAT I SAID!
GUCCI!

STAY SHARP!
ZWANG
... ANY-THING MY MOM SAYS!
AND DON'T MIND ...
HUP!
THOOOOM
I'M SUR-PRISED YOU MANAGED TO GET AWAY UN-SCATHED.
DSSH
THOUGH YOU WERE IN MY WAY.
AH ...
S-SORRY.


?
CHUTA! THE JEANRENOIR IS IN DANGER!
JEAN... RENOI... R?


HE GOT AWAY!

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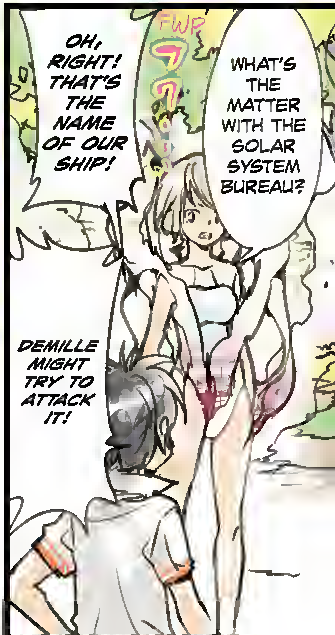
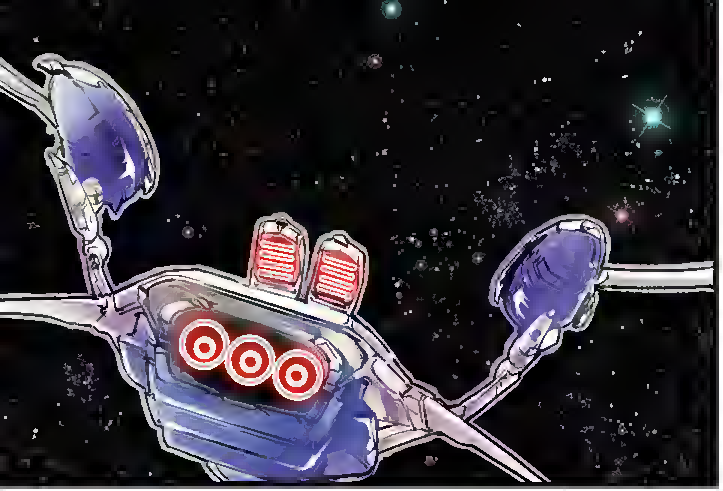
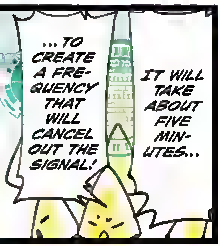
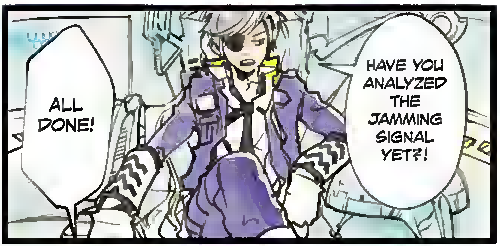
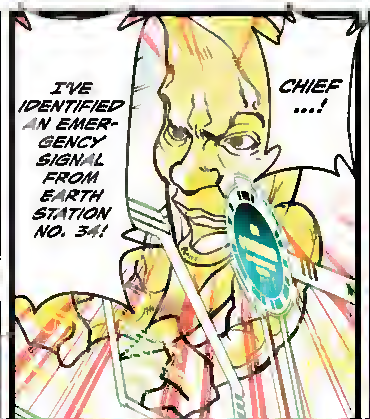

OH, RIGHT! THAT'S THE NAME OF OUR SHIP!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE SOLAR SYSTEM BUREAU?
DEMILLE MIGHT TRY TO ATTACK IT!



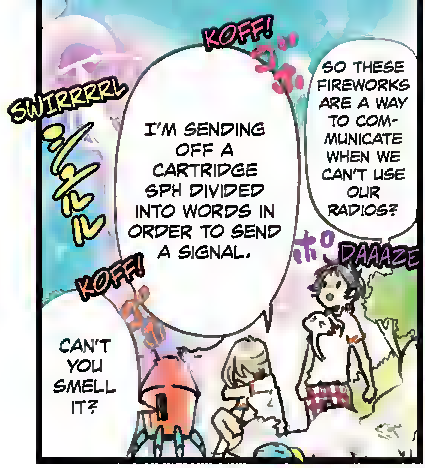

... TO CREATE A FREQUENCY THAT WILL CANCEL OUT THE SIGNAL!
IT WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE MINUTES...

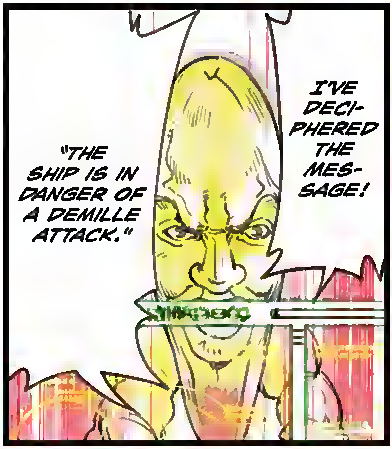

ALL DONE!
HAVE YOU ANALYZED THE JAMMING SIGNAL YET?!

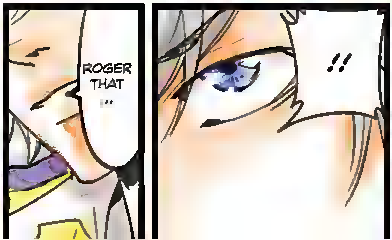
WHAT?!
THAT MUST BE MISUZU!


I'VE IDENTIFIED AN EMERGENCY SIGNAL FROM EARTH STATION NO. 34!
CHIEF ...!

CAN YOU DO IT IN THREE?!
YOYOSA!


SWIRRRL
KOFF!
I'M SENDING OFF A CARTRIDGE SPH DIVIDED INTO WORDS IN ORDER TO SEND A SIGNAL.
SO THESE FIREWORKS ARE A WAY TO COMMUNICATE WHEN WE CAN'T USE OUR RADIOS?
KOFF!
DAAAZE
CAN'T YOU SMELL IT?


"THE SHIP IS IN DANGER OF A DEMILLE ATTACK."
I'VE DECIPHERED THE MESSAGE!


ROGER THAT...
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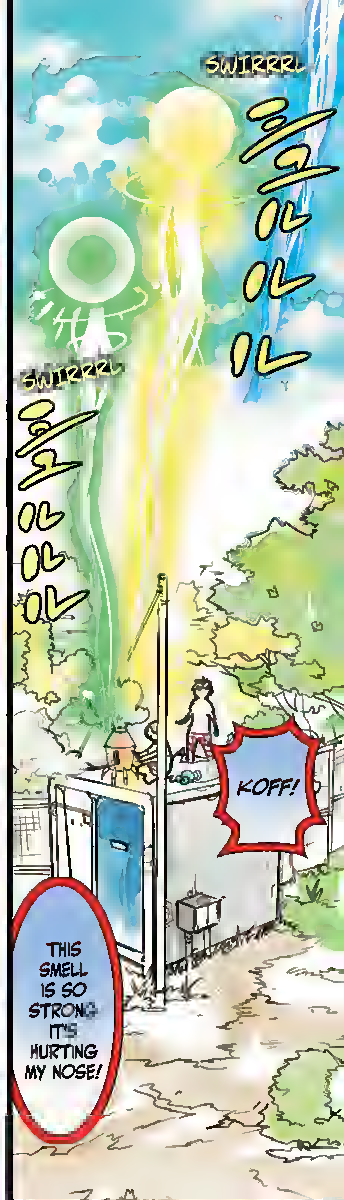
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THIS SMELL IS SO STRONG IT'S HURTING MY NOSE!